

Abingdon Community Council Meeting  
May 23, 2011

There were 5 members (C. David Copenhaver, Carlin Cook, Earl Gray, Susan Cook, Cynthia Hergenbahn) and 31 guests in attendance including: Councilman Joe Woods (jmwoods@harfordcountymd.gov), Councilwoman Mary Ann Lisenti, Patty Gonzales (County Executive's Office), Deputy Logston (Harford County Sheriff's Office), Captain Swain (Southern District), Chief Pennington (Chief Abingdon Fire Company), John Vananzo (SHA Representative), and Alex Rawls (Harford County Highways Representative).

**The next meeting will be June 27, 2011 at 6:30 at the Abingdon Public Library**

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Cynthia Hergenbahn, Chairperson.
- Deputy Logston spoke concerning Community Policing.
  - Shared crime statistics for the April 2011 – decrease in sector 30 and increased in sector 40; burglary & theft were significant concerns
  - Distributed information concerning Neighborhood Watch – must have 50% participation at first 2 meetings
- Captain Swain, new to Southern District, introduced himself
- John Vananzo and Alex Rawls addressed road construction
  - State roads are identified by numbers; County roads are identified by name
  - Explained the Maryland T to be constructed on 924 at the Wegmans shopping area
  - He will look into a possible turn arrow on 924 onto Box Hill South Parkway
  - He will meet with Chief Pennington to discuss fire department needs with regard to traffic lights
  - On Wednesday, May 25 a traffic pattern change will occur at 24 and 924 to direct traffic under the new bridge
  - Announced that proposed round about at Festival was deleted from the plan
  - Walmart must do a traffic study at Plumtree and 924 for a possible store location
  - Will examine a concern from a resident about Singer Woods Drive
  - Will look into resident concern about Cedar Lane Drive (off Wheel Road) extension due to DPW project
- Chief Pennington from the Abingdon Fire Company:
  - Will meet with John Vananzo about a need for an emergency traffic light plan
  - Public water main availability in parts of the Wegman development project to aid in fire fighting is being addressed
- Councilman Woods gave updates:
  - Budget passed with no cuts, no tax increases, and a decreased County tax rate
- Patty Gonzales
  - Office Phone: 410-638-3511
  - Information Line: 410-638-info
- Announcements from Cynthia:
  - Plan Maryland (Master Plan for Maryland) is having 8 regional open houses: Wednesday, June 8 from 5-8 p.m. at Chesapeake Center at Harford Community College – advanced registration required
- Harford County Parks/Rec Project: Box Hill South field improvement
  - League of Women Voters needs 800 more people to register to vote in order to add 2 more early voting locations (1 current location at Bel Air Public Library)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M. by Chairperson Cynthia Hergenbahn.

Minutes submitted by Donna Copenhaver